

HIGHWAY BOOSTERS PLAN UNITED ACTION

MALHEUR, GRANT, BAKER AND UNION COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES GATHER AT BAKER MONDAY TO CONSIDER NEED FOR ACTION

SEEK TO BEGIN WORK SOON

Old Oregon Trail, At Early Date Asked of Commission—Want Action On John Day And Central Oregon Too.

With delegates present from Union Baker, Grant and Malheur counties representing the county courts of all four counties, the commercial bodies of practically every town in them, and many citizens of Baker and near by cities present, a meeting was held at Baker Tuesday evening for the purpose of uniting for action on a road program for Southeastern Oregon. That is, the program calls for united action to urge upon the State Highway Commission the immediate construction of the main highways originally designated for this section of the state.

Malheur county was represented by County Judge E. H. Teak, County Commissioners Frank M. Vines, and G. W. Dean and Roadmaster, J. F. Joyce. The City of Ontario was represented by Mayor W. H. Doolittle, the Commercial club by President R. W. Jones, and the following members: H. L. Peterson, chairman of the good roads committee, Paul Seligman, Earl Blackaby, J. A. Lakness and Geo. K. Aiken.

The Vale delegation included, ex-Senator Julien A. Hurley, E. A. McGilvray and Thos. Jones. The Riverdale delegation included E. J. Patch, W. D. Patch and L. Yant. Huntington was represented by F. E. Bubb, while Grant county was represented by its county court, and A. D. Leedy, formerly district attorney of Grant county, and others, while Richland, Halfway and other Baker County towns were well represented. County Judge U. G. Couch represented Union county.

William Dubey, president of the Baker Chamber of Commerce, presided and W. E. Meacham, secretary of the organization stated the purpose of the gathering and made an address of welcome to the visitors. Mr. Leedy and Otis Pattison were the spokesmen of the Grant county delegation and dwelt on the necessity for relief for Grant county and its desire to see the John Day Highway designated from Prairie city eastward to Unity; "There is no need for a dispute among us as to the location of that highway," said Mr. Leedy.

Otis Pattison and other Grant county men spoke briefly and then the Malheur delegation was called upon. Judge E. H. Teak briefly responded called upon Geo. K. Aiken to present the views of the delegation. Mr. Aiken reviewed the controversy over the location of the highway from Huntington to Ontario and set forth the necessity for immediate action looking toward the completion of that section so that established auto traffic would be routed this way. J. A. Lakness followed and explained the program proposed for Idaho and showed how it would affect the Oregon system to the detriment of Eastern Oregon if completed before the Oregon system was finished.

Senator Julien A. Hurley also discussed the road situation at length delving into the legislative history of the program and urged that all the counties prepare definitely their individual programs and proceed to the sessions of the commission and united seek work on all of them.

On the motion of Mr. Aiken a committee on resolutions was named and instructed to present the sentiment of the meeting. President Dubey named A. D. Leedy of Grant county chairman, A. A. Smith of Baker, Judge Couch of Union and Mr. Aiken of Malheur on the committee which presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Old Oregon Trail section of the Columbia Highway be completed from the Union-Umatilla county line to Ontario, as soon as it is possible for the commission to do so; and that the route of said highway from Huntington to Ontario be an all Oregon route as contemplated in the original proposal of the Highway Commission to the people of Malheur county when they voted a bond issue for their co-operation in the construction of said highway; and by resolution of the Commission and in the intention of the legislature; and be it further:

Resolved, that the John Day Highway be completed, across Grant county and to the Idaho line, and that the same be permanently designated east from Prairie City to Unity and would recommend that what is known as the Davis Creek, or alternate route, be adopted; for the reason that preliminary surveys and estimates by the Forest Service engineers show this to be the cheapest and most feasible route; that surveys be made on this route at once and that construction be commenced as soon as possible after the permanent surveys are made; and be it further resolved, that that position of the Central Oregon highway from Harper, Oregon to Vale at the Junction of the John Day Highway be constructed, in co-operation with the county Court of Malheur county, county

BOYER BROTHERS MOVING TO NEW AND LARGER QUARTERS

Boyer Brothers store, one of Malheur county's pioneer mercantile establishments is moving into its new quarters on the east side of Oregon street across from its old location. The building is not quite completed it will be occupied immediately and will give the firm the largest establishment of its kind in Southeastern Oregon. The repairs and reconstruction of this building was the largest single piece of construction carried on in Ontario during the past year, and in next week's issue the Argus will tell of the improvements and additions made there.

DOOLITTLE IS NAMED SECRETARY OF CLUB

Directors and Members Discuss Temporary Change in Policy and Select Official—Road Matters Also Considered

W. H. Doolittle, was elected secretary of the Commercial club at a meeting of the Board of Directors last night. The salary for this office was placed at \$100 and the understanding of the directors was that Mr. Doolittle will give at least half of each day, and whatever additional time is necessary to the work of the club.

This decision was not reached, however, without division, for three propositions were voted upon: Mr. Doolittle at \$100 per month; W. L. Turner at \$50 per month and Carl Field at \$25; These were tentative solutions which various directors made during the discussion to bring out the opinions of the members of the board, among whom it was apparent there was a diversity of opinion as to the exact character of the work that was to be expected of the men mentioned for the position considered.

The position taken by the several men in their discussion was that no personal element was involved but merely a difference of opinion concerning the work that an official could do under present conditions, and as to the policy of the club at this time.

Prior to the meeting of the board of directors the members of the club heard from President R. W. Jones, H. L. Peterson, J. A. Lakness, P. Seligman and Geo. K. Aiken their report on the Highway meeting at Baker the night before and also Mr. Aiken's report on the work of the committee which appeared before the State Highway Commission.

The members present voted to instruct the Good Roads committee to use its judgment concerning appearance before the Highway Commission and empowered the committee to act without calling a general meeting of the members. Approval was expressed of the work of the committee.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Mrs. Jesse McCarty and Mrs. Will Coughanour of Payette visited Friday with their mother, Mrs. Jacob Stroup.

Mrs. G. W. Way was operated on Wednesday at Holy Rosary Hospital.

Mrs. W. W. Latsen left Wednesday for Portland for a short time.

W. E. Mullen returned to Crane Tuesday. He has been in Ontario and vicinity for about two weeks.

Mrs. Dr. Tyler returned this week from an extended visit in Utah.

Mrs. A. M. Lackey and daughter, Beulah, have been quite ill.

Mrs. Ray Duncan and daughter who are at the A. M. Lackey home have also been under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Streeter Stroup of Washoe spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stroup.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Irwin of Meadows have taken the Loveland house for the winter.

Mrs. Jacob Stroup was called to the home of L. Wilson on Little Willow Creek to care for her granddaughter who was quite ill. She has just returned home, bringing her granddaughter with her, who is reported much better.

funds for which were provided by the taxpayers of Malheur county at the election held for that purpose in May 1919, to co-operate with the State Highway Commission.

M. Hurley urged that a resolution be added concerning the Baker-Cornucopia road which first carried but followed an appeal by A. A. Smith of Baker who set forth that such a resolution would complicate the proposals which as outlined by the committee confined to the main highways, the motion was reconsidered and a motion prevailed that it was the sense of the meeting that it forward the early construction of the remainder of this highway.

Prior to the meeting the visitors were the guests of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce at a dinner given in their honor at the Geyser Grand hotel at which more than 40 were present.

BROGAN AND JAMIESON SWELL FUND FOR POOR

For European Children—Other Districts Coming Slowly

A. A. Reed of Jamieson this week sent his check for \$86, and reported that the pledges to nearly complete the quota of that section had been secured. He also added that they would not quit until the full amount was secured.

Last week the Ontario quota of \$50 was passed with the contribution of \$50 secured from the W. C. T. U. This organization gave its entire share of the proceeds of the Chautauqua week as well as a gift from its treasury.

Workers in the outlying sections of Malheur county were so greatly hampered by road conditions that they could not complete their work as could those in the towns. However they are going to secure the money before they quit and Malheur's record will be a worthy one.

HOWARD TO BE TRIED FOR SWEENEY MURDER

Court Enters Plea of "Not Guilty" and Assigns Attorneys J. W. McCulloch and W. H. Brooke To Defend Howard

The January term of the District Court which opened last week with Judge Dalton Biggs presiding has already completed the trial of several actions and has forwarded the trial of George Howard for the murder of George R. Sweeney for next Tuesday's consideration.

When Howard was arraigned before Judge Biggs by District Attorney R. D. Lytle he stood mute when asked to plead. The Judge then ordered a plea of "not guilty" entered, and since Howard had no attorney, appointed attorneys J. W. McCulloch and W. H. Brooke of Ontario to defend him.

Among the civil suits of which there have been many that of the Boise-Payette vs. the Dominican Sisters was completed and verdict returned for the company.

RELIEF REGULATIONS WILL BE ADHERED

National Organization Regulations Require That Worker Instructed In Work Direct Aid—Mrs. Henry Griffin Chosen

Following a series of conferences with Miss Katherine Ewing field, supervisor of the Northwest Division American Red Cross, the directors of the local chapter determined that if civilian relief work is to be carried on, that this be done according to the regulations of the national body.

To do this the directors were informed that it would be necessary to have some one who had training in the work, and since Mrs. Henry Griffin of the Relief Committee is a graduate nurse, and was willing to serve, she was selected and asked to go to Seattle for a three week's course of instruction in the Red Cross methods.

Mrs. Griffin left Ontario last Sunday evening and reached Seattle Monday. Advice received from her already tell of the beginning of work there. The chapter directors felt that it was particularly fortunate that the services of a trained nurse could be combined in this manner. Mrs. Griffin will not be steadily employed by the chapter and is undertaking the work as a public spirited contribution, it being understood, however, that in case of emergency, where her time will be required for days, that recompense be made.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Paul and daughter, Betty Jane returned Monday from Portland.

Del Taggart is a business visitor to Portland this week.

Mrs. W. E. Howland left yesterday for a two week's visit in Boise.

Robt. Duncan and son Ivan of Burns stopped off in Ontario Monday on their way to Salem.

Miss Ruth Lackey is out again after an attack of Chicken Pox.

P. J. Gallagher returned Tuesday from Portland where he attended the meeting of the highway commission and also the irrigation conference.

Mrs. Frank Zeller returned Friday from Hot Lake where she has been undergoing treatment.

Mrs. H. M. Moss has gone to Port-

MODERN FIRE TRUCK NOW IN COMMISSION

Long Sought Improvement By Department Is Realized—Fire Fighters Proud of New Acquisition—Has Full Equipment

Standing in its quarters in the city hall fire station is a handsome, bright and shining fire truck an acquisition which the members of the Ontario Fire Department long have sought.

The new equipment which is a Ford truck equipped with the Northern fire equipment is of the type in use in many cities today. It carries fire ladders, 1000 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose, chemical tanks with several hundred feet of hose and all of the accoutrement that goes with a fire fighting apparatus.

Chief of the department, Louis Kroesin, Jr. and his men have devoted no little time in caring for their new equipment. No bunch of boys with brand new sleds could be happier than the members of the fire department in their acquisition.

TO CELEBRATE FIRST BONE DRY ANNIVERSARY

Gathering at Methodist Church Sunday Evening to Mark End of First Year Under Federal Prohibition

At the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening a program will be held to celebrate the first anniversary of nation-wide prohibition. The program will include music by the Congregational Sunday School orchestra; the reading of the 18th and 19th amendments to the Federal Constitution, also the reading of a message from John F. Kramer, national prohibition commissioner, by Rev. W. J. Luscombe and an address by Rev. D. J. Gillanders.

RAILROAD MEN GIVE AID TO EX-SOLDIER

Collect Funds To Furnish Ticket Back to Kansas City—American Legion Men Express Their Appreciation

The members of Mr. Pitser's outfit DB No. 893 railroad bridge gang made up enough money among themselves to send an ex-soldier to his home in Kansas City, Mo. The members of the American Legion Ontario Post addressed to them the following letter of thanks for the good deed:

"The Ontario Post No. 87 of The American Legion wish to thank you warmly and to express our gratitude for the action taken by you fellows in befriending one of our comrades in so far as to supply him with capital necessary to pay his expenses to his home in Kansas City, Mo.

This was a noble deed on your part, and we are sure that such will not soon be forgotten.

Again trying to express the thankfulness and gratitude we feel toward each and every one of you, we are, Yours very respectfully, Ontario Post American Legion.

By W. P. Escue, Adjutant.

HEPPNER MAN GOES ON HIGHWAY COMMISSION

W. B. Barrett of Heppner Accepts Post Following Dedication of Jay Dobbin of Joseph—To Take Place

W. B. Barrett of Heppner was named last Saturday by Governor Ben W. Olcott to the position on the State Highway Commission made vacant by the death of E. E. Kiddle of Island City. Mr. Barrett is understood to have accepted the position prior to the announcement of his appointment by the Governor.

With this appointment the speculation that was rife in Eastern Oregon ended for good roads enthusiasts in many sections were urging the Governor to appoint one of several men suggested. Until his appointment was announced, however, no mention was publicly made of Mr. Barrett's candidacy, and therefore there were many surprised men in this section of the state.

In appointing Mr. Barrett the Governor adhered to his announced intention of naming a sheepman or a farmer, on both of which scores Mr. Barrett qualifies. He is one of the big sheepmen of the Heppner country and has long been an advocate of good roads and has given personal attention and study to their development in Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Chelsey Boyer was hostess to the Wednesday Bridge Club.

Mrs. O. H. Graham was hostess this week to the Monday Bridge Club.

VALUABLE SILK IS STOLEN FROM BOYER BROTHERS STORE

Last Thursday night thieves entered the Boyer Bros. store, at the old location and stole from it between 20 and 25 bolts of silk, a suit of clothes, and overcoat and other articles of value, included among which were several bolts of silk shirting. The value of the goods taken is estimated at several hundred dollars.

Entrance to the store was gained by breaking the window of a side door through the aperture of which the thieves put their hand and slid back the bolt. Sheriff Lee Nee and Marshal H. C. Farmer started a search immediately but as yet have no trace of the missing goods.

DANGER FOR STATE IS SEEN BY GOV. OLCOTT

Colonization of Japanese Viewed As Menace—Soldier Bonus Bill Favored—Wants Roads Left To Commission's Judgment

In his message to the thirty-first assembly of the legislature which convened at Salem on Monday Governor Ben W. Olcott delivered a message filled with comprehensive suggestions to the lawmakers. It was a message which in its detail manifested a most exact knowledge of the problems faced by the state and contained many constructive suggestions.

Outstanding among the features of the address was the direction of attention to the Japanese problem which the Governor views as a menace to the state; particularly if colonization by Japs continues.

The Governor also urged the passage of a soldier's bonus bill allowing the payment of \$25 to every Oregon man for every month he was in the service.

On the matter of road legislation the Governor cautioned the lawmakers against tampering with the present program and urged that no changes in proposed highways be made which are not approved by the commission.

The houses of the legislature organized by electing Roy W. Ritner of Umatilla as President of the Senate and Louis E. Bean of Lane county as Speaker of the House.

Representative P. J. Gallagher of Malheur and Harney counties who was present at the opening of the session was given a leave of absence for five days to return to this county to try a number of lawsuits. Mr. Gallagher returned on Tuesday and will go back to Salem Saturday night.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY TOLD ABOUT MALHEUR

Representative of Farm Bureau Addresses Many Meetings Telling About County—Low Hay Rate Is Sought—Exhibit Attractive

Malheur County has been given more advertising in the Willamette Valley during the past month, than has been her good fortune in many years.

S. P. Graham, representing the Malheur County Farm Bureau in its campaign for the purchase of dairy cows, and for whose expenses the Ontario Commercial Club advanced \$150 addressed nearly a score of Grange and Farm Bureau meetings during the past month to tell them about what was being done to advance the agricultural interests of this section.

Beside buying cows, Mr. Graham made a real effort to "sell Malheur county" to the dairymen of that region and found many who were interested and declared their intention to investigate the dairy possibilities of this region.

Seeks Low Hay Rate

Beside this work Mr. Graham also solicited dairymen there who are in the market for hay. He found that the only thing that prevented hay from moving from this section was the high freight rate. So he took the matter up with George Quayle of the State Chamber of Commerce, who promptly offered his services to those of the Chamber rate experts. With them Mr. Quayle appeared before the Public Service Commission at Salem Monday and in a wire to the Argus received today Mr. Quayle asked for additional information to base a further appearance before the commission.

In this work too Mr. Quayle is being assisted by Representative P. J. Gallagher.

Exhibit Attractive

The exhibit which the Vale Chamber of Commerce, the Ontario Commercial club and the Nysa Commercial club united in financing was on display in a window at Meier & Frank's and attracted not a little attention. Unfortunately a wind storm the day it was put in place, blew in the plate glass so the display was placed on exhibition on the sixth floor where many viewed it with wonder.

The Woman's Club held its meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Del Taggart.

NO DISCOVERABLE CLUE FOUND OF AL. CHANCE

MISSING MANAGER OF BOISE-PAYETTE LUMBER COMPANY LEAVES BADLY Muddled AFFAIRS BEHIND HIM

WARRANT OUT FOR HIS ARREST

Inventory of Company Declared to Check Out Correctly—Local Men Victims of Fraudulent Check Writing—Family Leaves

No trace has yet been found of Al Chance, erstwhile manager of the local yard of the Boise-Payette Lumber Company whose sudden disappearance set the town agog last week. Mr. Chance left quietly and behind there came to light a series of transactions in check writing and other irregularities of book keeping and so forth, involving, it is alleged several thousands of dollars.

Officials of the Boise Payette Lumber Company at Boise yesterday declared that they had not been able to complete the audit of the company's books which they admitted were in extremely bad shape, and therefore they could not make a statement concerning the gross amount of the shortage.

"You can say the sum is considerable," said Mr. Gamble, manager of the retail department of the company, "but we will not be certain how great it is for several days."

"No, it will not amount to \$20,000 or \$30,000," said Mr. Gamble in answer to the specific question naming the sums above, which rumor had it, were involved.

Shortage of Recent Date

"The shortage is not in the inventory," was another statement of Mr. Gamble's, who added, "It is in collections made and not turned over to the company. These transactions, so far as we have yet discovered, date back only 60 or 90 days, though they might go back into the middle of the summer."

Bought Liberty Bonds

Aside from the shortage in his collection account Chance also victimized a number of local people from whom he is alleged to have purchased Liberty Bonds and given checks on his mother's account in a Weiser bank. These checks were returned unpaid. The total of these purchases so far reported amount to approximately \$1000, so it is said.

Still another of his quick work items was the forgery of a note given by the Ontario Milling Company for \$1800. This note was paid by the company, but instead of receiving the original note, so cleverly was the work done that the company received as cancelled the forged instrument, while the Boise-Payette company retained the original.

Just how many citizens who paid their accounts and received no credit for the same is not known. The company is asking them to take their statements, cancelled checks and other data to the company office now in charge of George McClain, the former manager, where adjustments are being made.

Before he left town Mr. Chance endeavored to sell the new home he built to a local business man and the deal was practically completed, in fact everything but the payment for same. After he left his family departed giving Kansas as their destination. Chance was manager of the local yard for nearly four years coming here from Weiser where his mother is said to reside.

LOCAL PERSONALS

land for a short visit.

C. R. Emlson went to Weiser today.

The Episcopal Guild met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. L. Cockerum.

Mrs. Stella Duocloss is making preparations to open a dining room in connection with the Wilson Hotel.

Miss Elinor Randall is on the sick list this week.

The Music Club will meet this week at the home of Mrs. E. C. Van Petten.

The Imperial Club meets this Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Petten entertained the Carnation Club Tuesday evening.

evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. McFall.